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# Big projects call for big units, big thoughts

by Tech. Sgt. Carole Steele  
53rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM** – The war on terrorism has brought the Air Force’s mighty RED HORSE units out in full force to the Middle East.

These specialized units are supporting Operation Enduring Freedom performing the duties they were created for 36 years ago.

RED HORSE, which stands for Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer, performs heavy construction for the U.S. Air Force and Department of Defense during war-time.

This highly-mobile, self-sufficient outfit was created during the Vietnam War when the United States realized the need for a specialized unit dedicated to the heavy construction of runways, tent cities, and numerous other roads and buildings to base its troops at forward locations. Red Horse units deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom have reclaimed the designation used by their first unit in Vietnam – 1st RED HORSE Group.

The group consists of two ‘hubs.’ The first was formed by the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, from Hurlburt Field, Fla. The second is forming now, and will be manned primarily by the 820th RED HORSE Squadron from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

“The reason there are two hubs is because each is a location for a major aircraft parking ramp,” said Col. Edward, 1st RHG commander and regional wartime construction manager for the Air Force. “Those ramps will park significant amounts of our airpower that support the



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Carole Steele

Airmen from the 823rd and 820th RED HORSE Squadrons erect a large structure at a deployed location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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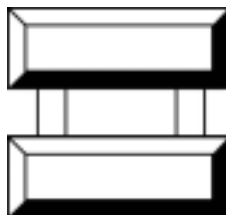


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**Col. Lyle Koenig**  
Commander, 16th SOW

## Helping hand

**Comment:** I'd like to say thank you to Airman 1st Class Christian Echele

and Staff Sgt. Robin Shaw at the base fire station for helping me. My car stopped running in front of the 823rd

RED HORSE Squadron compound as I was coming from the clinic. My car coasted down to the fire station.

The two airmen came and pushed my car to the parking lot until I could get a tow truck to come and get it. Then they invited me inside where it was cool and gave me some water. They were so very helpful and I'd like to see them get recognition for their kindness.

**Response:** Thanks for taking the time to spotlight a couple of Hurlburt Field's "good samaritans." Our firefighters pride themselves in being good neighbors to the base and surrounding community; not just when it comes to fighting the fires, but also lending a helping hand when any kind of need exists. Thanks again for your comment.

# Find out what it means to me

by **Robin Armhold**  
16th Civil Engineer Squadron

The recent events in New York and at the Pentagon have affected all our lives and seem to have instilled a new source of pride in many Americans. Many military personnel seem to be walking a little taller and with a sense of purpose that had diminished over the past 10 years.

I've been the wife of a military man and a civil service employee for 14 years and have always shared the pride that so many military personnel demonstrate. However, I'm having trouble understanding what's happened to "the rest" of (and seemingly the majority of) the military – specifically the Air Force. My husband (a 19-year Air Force senior NCO) and I have often discuss how lax the standards of the Air Force have become. There are countless examples, but I'll list a few. These are examples of people who have no pride in themselves or the uniform they're privileged to wear.

○The staff sergeant working the back gate who had a chunk of tobacco in his mouth and spit as we approached the gate

○The many officers and enlisted we've seen on base and off, who don't bother to don their cover when they step outside or take it off when they walk in

○The people who, once off base, feel their obligation to present a professional appearance is no longer required

○The countless young airmen who impose on my right to NOT listen to their music by driving on base with their tunes blaring

○Those who refer to their superiors by their first name or treat them as equals or less

There are also those supervisors whose unwillingness to assert their own authority causes such actions – the supervisor who doesn't tell his troops when to watch their mouths, when to act professionally or when their appearance doesn't comply with Air Force standards. All concern for displaying a professional image and demonstrating respect for others seems to have gone out the door both in the workplace and in our community.

But an incident today took the cake for me. My husband and I were enjoying lunch together when he noticed a senior airman at the table next to us wearing his sunglasses on top of his head. Although this isn't a big deal, my husband

commented to me on how unprofessional he looked and that it was that sort of carelessness that made "us all look bad." The companion of the airman heard the comment and told him. They talked about it between themselves but the rest of the meal went without incident.

The problem started when this senior airman started to leave. My husband was facing the door and happened to look as he walked out. The airman turned several times to see if my husband was watching him. The airman, now outside, started to put his hat on but said something to his companion and began walking across the parking lot without it. Half way there he dramatically put his hat on backwards (still looking back to make sure we were watching), threw his arm across the shoulders of his companion and swaggered to his truck. He turned to watch us several more times and even waved at us as he pulled out of the parking lot.

What this young man obviously didn't realize is that my husband is the epitome of respect, courtesy and professionalism as well as a first sergeant for his unit. As my husband waved back to this belligerent young airman he also made note of his license plate with every intention of talking to his first sergeant.

Although I don't think anything can be done to change this airman's behavior, I certainly hope any action taken will give him cause to think about whom he treats with such obvious disrespect.

My point is this: there are many people in our local communities who need someone real to look up to. Who better to fill that heroic roll than America's military members are?

I was personally ashamed and embarrassed by this young man's actions. Ashamed that his parents and our society failed to teach him to respect both authority and the uniform that he was wearing; embarrassed that he's a representative of an organization that I love so dearly. I was equally ashamed that the retired military who were with us had to see such an obvious demonstration of belligerence.

I pray this young man's attitude is not indicative of the majority. I also pray that those who need a hero find someone like my husband to look up to. I fear that if they were to look at that young airman, they would indeed be looking down.



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# NEWS

## Teen center staves off base boredom

by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor  
Public Affairs

Jaded base teenagers have a new place to kick back – the Hurlburt Field Teen Center.

The new facility, located in the former community center with Velocity Subs, is open to active duty and retired family members age 13 to 18, and offers a wide variety of activities to entertain even the most bored of teenagers.

In addition to four Playstation 2s with games, the decorative graffiti and black-light-adorned teen room has eight computers with internet access, a big-screen television and coffee-house tables to munch snacks on. The rest of the center sports four pool tables, a ping pong table, a drum set, a dance floor, a karaoke machine and more.

It was the base teenagers themselves who asked for a teen center, because they didn't really have a place on base where they could come and hang out before, said Mildred Allen, a recreational assistant at the teen center. Since opening Sept. 5 (the grand opening was Nov. 16), business has been good. Some patrons frequent the establishment almost daily.

"[The teen center's] great," said Rachel Oglesby, 17. "It's a great place to hang out and have fun. I like the fact that it doesn't have a lot of restrictions like other teen centers."

"I like it because it gives me a chance to get out of the house," said Tabitha Johnston, 16.

Terry Ferguson, 16, knows what to do



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor  
Jason Noyes (foreground) completes a shot while playing billiards with his friend at the teen center.

when he needs to kill an hour or two.

"The thing I like best is the PS2s," he said

Lt. Col Ed Shock, 16th Services Squadron commander, played a big hand in getting the center up and running.

"This was done to provide a higher quality of life for our young adults," he said, "so I encourage them to respect it, and use it often."

"The center's great because it provides teens an 'open rec' place to go get away

from the younger kids at the youth center after school," he said. "They can feel like this place is theirs, because they put their own touch into it. It gives them a sense of ownership and pride."

The community center is open to active duty members from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. After that, it's open exclusively to teens 13 to 18 from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Parents can call the teen center at 884-3775 to contact their teenagers.

## Carpooling improves morning commute

by 2nd Lt. Rosemary Heiss  
Public Affairs

Ah, the peace of the early morning commute. There you are, riding down the highway, in sync with the cars around you.

You turn the radio up because it's playing your song. Then, you reach for your piping hot cup of coffee.

You start to take a sip, and suddenly the car in front of you stops. Your coffee burns your mouth and spills on the upholstery.

Now you're stuck in traffic.

It's stop, go, stop, go, stop, go – all the way to the gate.

Everyone's going to the same place and every car driver is alone.

Since the security increase at the front and back gates here, traffic congestion has become a problem. But there's a solution, according to Tim Hoffman, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron planner and parking and pe-

destrian circulation working group member.

"If every person would share a ride with someone else in the morning, we could alleviate a large percentage of congestion," he said. "On average 1.5 people are in every car that comes through the gate. It's in our best interest to do better than that, and it's not a difficult problem to fix."

Ride sharing, or carpooling as it's commonly known, offers benefits beyond clearing congestion.

"Carpooling is a cost-effective means of getting to work, saving you hundreds of dollars in reduced fuel consumption and maintenance cost," according to a carpooling brochure published by the West Florida Regional Planning Council.

It also frees time in the morning, reduces stress related to driving and helps keep the

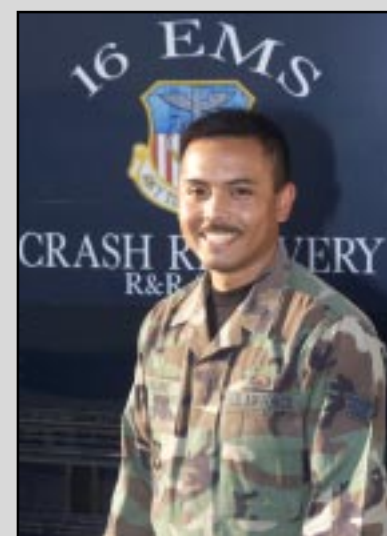


Courtesy photo

The line of cars entering Hurlburt Field in the morning can stretch for miles.

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## Spotlight on ...



**Gary Mandapat**

**Name:** Gary Mandapat

**Rank/Duty Title:** Senior Airman/Aero repair and alternate Mission Support Equipment Craftsman

**Organization:** 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

**Hometown:** Barrigada, Guam

**Hobbies:** Working on cars, working around the house and spending time with family

**Contribution to the mission:** Senior Airman Mandapat's willingness to tackle and accomplish any and all tasks set before him is unparalleled. As the Crash Recovery Trailer monitor, his efforts in gathering and organizing more than \$250,000 worth of specialized recovery equipment was instrumental in the safe recovery of a damaged UH-1 Huey helicopter.

As an aero repair mechanic, his skill and experience are in demand daily in the removal, repair and replacement of C-130 flight control, landing gear and ramp and door system components.

*(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, but who may not receive much recognition day-to-day. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)*

# AIR FORCE NEWS

## Injured servicemembers receive Purple Heart

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** – Four of the five U.S. servicemembers injured during a prison uprising in Afghanistan were presented Purple Hearts Dec. 1 at Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany.

The four soldiers and one airman, identified only by rank and first name, are members of the elite U. S. Special Forces. They were wounded Nov. 26 during a three-day battle with armed Taliban members who were being detained in Quala-i-JanGi, a fortress located west of Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan.

Army Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Lambert, commanding general of U.S. Army Special Forces Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., presented the soldiers – Cpts. Kevin and Paul; 1st Sgt. David; and Sgt. 1st Class Paul – with their medals during a brief ceremony attended by international media. All four men are Green Berets assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Ky.

“They paid a price in blood here,” General Lambert said. “They have given their blood in the war against terrorism.”

The fifth injured servicemember, Air Force Staff Sgt. Mike from the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron at Hurlburt Field Air Force Base, Fla., opted to have his Purple Heart presented to him among family and friends at his home station Thursday.

The men sustained injuries ranging from abrasions to ruptured eardrums and broken bones when a U.S. bomb inadvertently struck near their position during the battle.

Recalling the events that led to the friendly fire incident, Capt. Paul said they were part of an element sent to assist the northern alliance when the uprising began.

“Northern alliance forces were sustaining heaving casualties during the uprising. On the morning of Nov. 26, we arrived at the fortress,” he said. “Three of us, Sergeant Paul and Sergeant Mike and I, made our way up to the top of a wall where we started receiving some direct small-arms fire and also some mortar fire.

“We needed some backup so Sergeant Dave and Captain Kevin also made their way up to the roof to assist us; [they also] ran into some fire,” he said.

The team eventually made its way to a new position and set up behind a wall for protection, but Taliban forces struck again, Captain Paul said.

“There was machine-gun fire and mortar rounds were landing all around us,” he said.

The team established communications with fighter aircraft in the area and directed them to the target, Captain Paul said. The fighters began to make their run and the next thing they all knew, they were flying through the air.

“It took me about a second to realize what had happened,” said Sergeant Mike, the mission’s combat controller and ground link between the aircraft and the ground units.

“There was a flash and the next thing I know, I’m airborne,” he said. “I hit the ground and stayed there for about a second or so to make sure I had all my body parts. Once I knew I was all there, I went back to the top of the hill and kind of assessed the situation.”

“It was a weird feeling, to say the least,” said Captain Paul. “I remained conscious the whole time.”

Unable to move because his left leg was pinned behind his torso when he hit the ground, Captain Paul waited until Sergeant Dave appeared.

“I went over to him, and he was saying something like ‘I can’t move; I can’t move.’ First thing, though, I had to find a weapon,” said Sergeant Dave. “We’d been blown forward off the wall of the fortress. My weapon was there in front of me, and, then, all of a sudden, I’m lying there on the ground with no weapon.

“I realized I had all my body parts, and I got up. I found a weapon, grabbed it, and then I moved to [Capt. Paul],” he said.

“He said he couldn’t move, but I said he was going to move because we were [ex-

posed] and could have gotten engaged by the Taliban. I got him up and started talking to him. I pushed him up the wall, and then the northern alliance guys felt we ran out of gas toward the top and [helped],” he said.

Eventually, the men gathered and realized one was missing: Captain Kevin. Those who could, set out to look for him. They found him lying down at the base of a wall.

“He was further out than where we’d been,” said Captain Paul. “He was just lying on the ground; he wasn’t moving. It looked really serious.”

A Quick Reaction Force soon arrived to evacuate and treat the injured. The men were flown by helicopter to a nearby field hospital for initial treatment. Eventually, an Air Force C-9 Nightingale from the 75th Airlift Squadron here brought the injured to Germany from Turkey.

Although the men have an appreciation for the recognition that comes with a Purple Heart, most would trade the decoration for not having had the Nov. 26 experience in Afghanistan.

“I don’t want to sound cynical, but it would be a lot nicer if I got my hearing back; it would be a lot nicer if I could walk without a cane. It would be a lot nicer if our friend Kevin weren’t confined to a wheelchair. That would be a lot better than a Purple Heart,” said Captain Paul.

“We had a job to do; we went and did it. We all know there’s a cost associated with our job,” he said. “But, when you think of what those guys did at D-Day – storming the beaches; when you think of [how] the Marines suffered at Khe Sanh. We think about it; are we as deserving as them?”

Sergeant Paul also had reservations about receiving the decoration.



Photo by Master Sgt. John Snow

Staff Sgt. Mike, one of five elite Special Forces servicemembers injured during the prison uprising in Quala-Jangi, Afghanistan, responds to questions during a Dec. 1 interview at Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany.

“It’s kind of hard to really put it together. I’m not sure as far as whether we deserve it or if it’s warranted,” he said. “Personally, the thousands of people who, from 70 different nations died unexpectedly on Sept. 11 [during the terrorist attacks in the United States], I think they’re more deserving.

“But, I’ll tell you, we were in a fire fight – no one doubts that,” he said. “We were all wounded. I’m just going to let everyone make their own determination of whether we deserve it or not.”

Despite their brush with the reality of war, the men say they have no regrets.

“The president said from the start that

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## Look who’s talking: What do you remember about your first day in the Air Force?



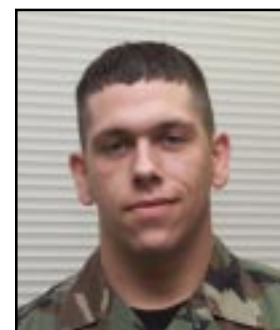
*“I thought, ‘I’ll be out of here in four years.’ Thirteen years later, I’m proudly still here.”*

**Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Dorsey**  
16th Comptroller Squadron



*“My first duty station was in Japan and I was severely jet-lagged. All I wanted to do was sleep.”*

**Staff Sgt. Scott Day**  
16th Component Repair Squadron



*“I remember the dedicated and highly professional airmen that were stationed at the Air Force’s most wonderful base.”*

**Airman 1st Class Aaron Kruse**  
16th Contracting Squadron



# Terrorist attacks bring back memories for retired Air Commando

by **Lori Nelson**  
*University of West Florida*

He parks his truck under the carport on the concrete driveway of an average-sized brick house.

The rear window of his truck is peppered with prisoner of war, missing in action and Air Commando Association stickers.

As retired Chief Master Sgt. "Hap" Lutz gets out of the truck and approaches his front door, he passes an American flag that gently billows in the breezes blowing in from the Gulf of Mexico.

Although he's retired and living in the military populated town of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., America's new war on terrorism has made this Special Ops pioneer long for the old days.

Chief Lutz has been retired from the military since 1974, but

this Air Commando Hall of Famer wants back in the fight. He recalls his first taste of battle in 1949, working as a Navy medic, when he was sent to China to rescue innocent victims and recover the mangled bodies of soldiers from the Whangpo river.

"It was kind of scary as an 18 year old," said Chief Lutz, "but we dodged the bullets, brought them in and started patching them up."

This memory takes him back to the 1940s, but his fervor in 2001 is equal in measure. Watching the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on television, he immediately contacted the base commander, ready to re-enlist if the Air Force would take him. At 70, Chief Lutz was refused, so he helps through the local Air Commando Association.

His patriotism is especially fueled by this attack because he has a direct connection with the source. In his Air Force days, he was in Kabul, Afghanistan.

In 1958, Chief Lutz transferred to the Air Force to serve as a combat medic, but quickly ended up serving in many capacities. Initially, he was assigned to Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., as the NCO in charge of the flight surgeon's office. While there, he was one of five people chosen as a sled test subject.

Chief Lutz remembers being ready to do "anything he was asked to do." He loaded aircraft guns, took over radio control and armed bombs. In August 1960, the chief was sent to Kabul, Afghanistan, where he was assigned to give physicals to aspiring young pilots. Also part of his mission was to take pictures of Afghani military installations.

It was in Kabul that Chief Lutz felt suddenly in the "hot seat." The Afghani police captured him and subjected him to a "hard"

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# Hurlburt Field gets 74 new captains

Seventy-four Hurlburt Field first lieutenants were selected for promotion to captain Thursday. The newly promoted captains will begin pinning on their rank as early as January.

The following officers were selected for promotion to captain:

## **Air Force Special Operations Command**

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## **6th Special Operations Squadron**

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## **8th Special Operations Squadron**

Shannon Coleman, Michael

Curry, William Julian, William Mitchell, William Triplett and Shane Vesely

## **9th Special Operations Squadron**

Janelle Percy, Samuel Wilhelm and Jason Wright

## **15th Special Operations Squadron**

Jonathan Carter, Christel Chavez, Zoltan Kaszas and Michael Linkous

## **16th Civil Engineer Squadron**

Robert Smolich

## **16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron**

Dawn Welborn

## **16th Logistics Support Squadron**

Thomas Maguire

## **16th Medical Support Squadron**

Joseph Lyons

## **16th Operations Support Squadron**

George Desch, Julie deSylva, Ninaduree Hunt, Lisa Jalbert, Andrew Kinlaw, Michael Olvera and Lance Waddy

## **16th Special Operations Squadron**

Allison Black, Ryan Bohner,

Douglas Brown, James Brown, Nathan Pierpoint, Robin Schaeffer and Marilyn Schroering

## **18th Flight Test Squadron**

Brian Villavaso

## **20th Special Operations Squadron**

James Abbott, Sean Brammerhogan, Travis Clovis, James Holder, Frank Lazzara, John Totty and Casey Ward

## **23rd Special Tactics Squadron**

Aaron Treherne

## **25th Intelligence Operations Squadron**

Christopher Ford

## **39th Intelligence Operations Squadron**

Jason Lain

## **46th Operations Group**

Thomas Myers

## **505th Exercise Control Squadron**

Catherine McDaniel and Leslie Roach

## **720th Special Tactics Group**

Paul Brister, Erik Clark, Kenneth Daniels, Mason Dula, George Lavine, Christopher Pelczar, Jesse Peterson and Travis Woodworth

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interrogation. He was taunted, whipped with rubber hoses and fed only enough to keep him alive. Chief Lutz recalls, "Just before being policed up, I was able to expose my film."

Even in the face of grave danger, Chief Lutz maintained the patriotic strength of a true American. His Special Ops training kicked in as he withstood the psychological and physical abuses of the Afghani police.

Luckily, in less than a week he was free to leave, but recalls, "you don't ever want to be imprisoned in Afghanistan, or any foreign country for that matter. It was a very revolting experience."

Once Chief Lutz was back with his American compatriots, he realized the Afghani police had only strengthened his patriotism.

In 1962, the chief really got into the action. He joined Operation Jungle Jim at Hurlburt Field, 3 1/2 miles from where he lives today. He remembers reporting to Hurlburt Field Jan. 10, 1962, and

knew he was ultimately going to Vietnam.

He served in Vietnam and then in Thailand and Laos. His medic abilities coupled with his assignment to World Medical Relief in 1968 founded a good rapport with the people of Laos.

Chief Lutz saw that Laos was in dire need of a medical facility and sent in a shopping list for a 30-bed hospital. His list was accepted, and six months later supplies arrived from Hurlburt Field. With a slight chuckle chief said, "It sounds like it was all very easy, but I assure you the ramifications were quite entailed."

The thankful response from the people of Laos was evident when they named the hospital the Doc Lutz Hospital. The teary-eyed Air Commando shies away from praise for this honor, as well as his 30 medals and three bronze stars. His memories are very dear to him, but satisfaction lies in serving his country.

Chief Lutz considers it an honor to have served with the likes of General Harry Aderholt, Dr. Robert Baker and Joe Kittinger, the latter of whom chief

worked with on a project that led to Mr. Kittinger's world record parachute jump, a 102,800-foot leap.

Mr. Kittinger's project was of special interest to Chief Lutz, also a parachutist. To the action-bound chief, the parachute project was simply a pleasurable addition to rescuing mangled bodies, building hospitals and being captured by the enemy.

Pondering the current terrorism crisis in America, the chief regrets one thing about his military service. He feels "I can't do [enough] now — I can't go back."

The strong urge to be in the action never fades. Chief Lutz would be en route to Afghanistan right now if his country asked him to. As it stands, this old salt resolves to "helping others succeed in whatever they want to go after with supreme intensity."

Perhaps the best words to describe the determined patriotism of Chief Lutz are his own.

"If you believe in it, damn it, do it," he said.

And the chief believes in serving his country — he's just waiting to get the call.

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environment clean, said Dan Deanda, a transportation planner with WFRPC.

The state of Florida encourages ride sharing, and the Department of Transportation funds the ride-sharing program, making it “user friendly” for commuters, said Mr. Deanda.

The planning council has a computerized carpool matching service that matches potential carpoolers based on their home location, work location and schedule.

Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Deanda have worked together to create a system that identifies Hurlburt Field carpoolers. The system ensures people coming to the base are matched only with other people who have access.

Some people are opposed to carpooling because of the inconvenience of not having a car during the day, but Mr. Hoffman says “there’s a solution – Bring your car to work and leave it. Then carpool. During the day, you have transportation of your own car, but in peak hours, you’re not adding to the congestion.”

“In this new era of heightened security, we all have to do our part,” said Lt. Col. Sue Nelson, chair of the Parking and Pedestrian Circulation Working Group. “A small sacrifice can produce remarkable results – less traffic at the gates.”

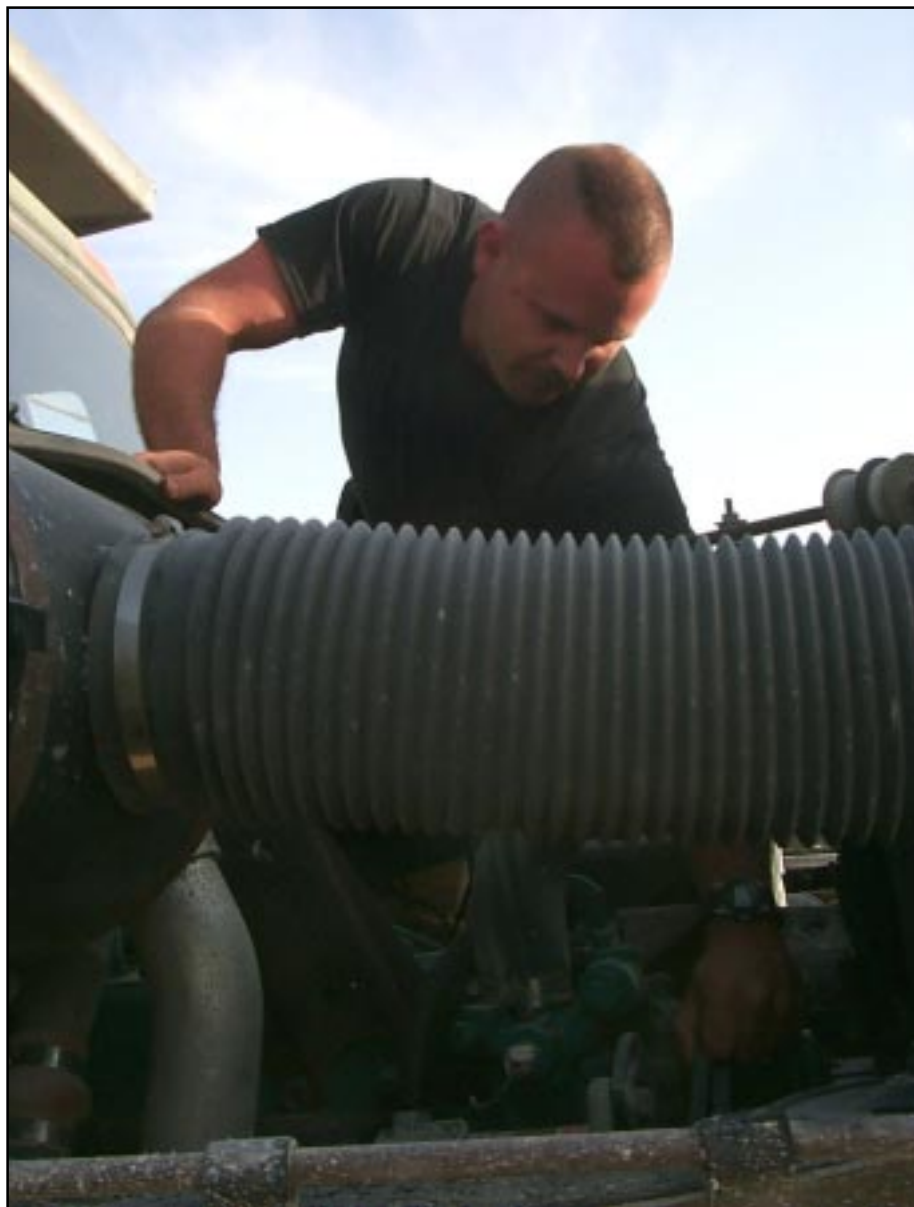
For more information about carpooling, call (800) 342-5557 or go to the Web site at [www.WFRPC.dst.fl.us/commute/survey](http://www.WFRPC.dst.fl.us/commute/survey).

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there’s going to be a cost involved in this war against terrorism,” Captain Paul said. “Fortunately, we’re going to recover from our injuries; hopefully, we’ll be back there in the fight. We need to eradicate terrorists and the organizations and the governments that sponsor terrorists – bottom line.”

“We’ve taken fire and traveled through the Afghan mountains on horses. The circumstances weren’t very [good]. Sometimes, you get to the point where you [ask yourself], ‘What are we doing here?’ Then, you draw on the patriotism you see at home and realize why you’re doing what you do,” said Sergeant Mike. “I just remember the people with the flags – the police officers and the firemen. That’s what this whole mission’s about; it keeps you driving.” (AFPN)

## FEATURE



Staff Sgt. Carl, an 823rd RED HORSE Squadron equipment operator, checks the engine of a 10-ton dump truck prior to signing it out from vehicle dispatch.

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continuing war against terrorism in this theater," said Col. Edward, who's identified only by rank and first name.

The second part of the hub concept is to have smaller teams "spoke out" to various locations in the theater to accomplish

construction projects. Currently, teams are dispersed to almost ten locations from the first hub.

The two parking ramps have a price tag of about \$26 million while an additional \$6 to 10 million has been designated for 20 to 30 projects identified for spoke operations.

Spoke teams widen taxiways, build contingency parking ramps, put up 550-man tent cities for major bed-downs of troops as well as build up several existing tent cities. Other projects include building fire stations, aircraft hangars, vehicle search areas, helicopter pads, paving roads, accomplishing rapid runway repairs and performing numerous site surveys to assess current conditions and determine construction needs in the area of responsibility.

While the structures and



pavement craftsmen perform these heavy construction projects, another part of the Red Horse team handles the support operations.

"Being a self-sufficient unit, we have a large number of 'behind the scenes' people who make this type of operation work," said Chief Master Sgt. Susan, chief of logistics at the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron hub.

The support staff begins spinning up a large mission like Operation Enduring Freedom with a pre-planning cell of site surveyors, engineers and craftsmen. Then, at the deployed location, there are many people that keep the operation running like supply, services, logistics planning, command post and support staff.

"These are the busy bees that are constantly moving," said Chief Susan. "All their efforts combine to make things happen and make the operation a success. They're doing a tremendous job."

The colonel also couldn't be prouder of his team of "horsemen."

"There's nothing like Red Horse," said Colonel Edward, who's served as a squadron commander three times, a flight commander, a deputy support group commander and support group commander. "This beats every other job I've ever had in command, hands down, and the troops are the biggest part of that.

They absolutely love what they do, they make a huge impact everywhere they go, and no matter what we throw at them, they persevere and get it done under any circumstances.

"And the job itself is absolutely fantastic. It's what lets us build a ramp where we'll park airplanes that will launch fighters, bombers and refuelers to rain fire and steel on the enemy who killed people back in America – and it doesn't get any better than that, to be a part of the retribution," said Colonel Edward. "There's no doubt in my mind that we're helping immensely with the war on terrorism."



(top) Graders prepare the ground to construct an equipment marshalling area for the Area Terminal Operations Center. (above) Master Sgt. Darnell (foreground) and Tech. Sgt. Jim, chief and deputy chief of 823rd RED HORSE supply, respectively, pull lumber for a construction project. (left) Tech. Sgt. Rabin, NCO In Charge of 823rd RED HORSE services, stacks water at the 1st RED HORSE Group's deployed location.





# LIFESTYLE

## Military

### Munch and Mend

Hurlburt Field Chapel holds a Munch and Mend Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. Primarily Senior Airmen and below (no one turned away) can have an early Christmas dinner while having minor repair done on one article of clean clothing, or having stripes, patches or name tags sewn on. For more information, call Bill White at 884-7371 or Jimmie Thomas at 881-3344.

### Promotion testing

The Air Force Personnel Center has authorized a temporary testing opportunity for the 02E6 and 02E7 Weighted Airman Promotions testing cycle (Feb. 15 through March 2). Eligible people who're going on a temporary duty assignment or have other lengthy windows of unavailability during the testing cycle may request in writing, to test earlier than the normal 10 days prior to the start of the testing cycle. For more information, call the career enhancements section at 884-2703 or 5400.

### Physical therapy clinic

The 16th Medical Group opens a physical therapy clinic at Hurlburt Field for active duty patients by January 2002. The clinic will be located in Building 90315, adjacent to J.R. Rockers parking lot. The service will be staffed by one physical therapist and two physical therapy technicians. For more information, call Capt. Sarah Linebaugh at 881-3901.

### Military Liaison Teams

Senior NCOs interested in volunteering for the military to military program a high priority, high visibility, effort of national importance should contact the 16th Mission Support Squadron. Military liaison team candidates must be master sergeants through chief master sergeants. Volunteers must possess a high level of interpersonal skills, as well as exceptional maturity, flexibility and self discipline. Tour length is 179 days. The positions are open to active duty, reserve and guard members. For more information or to volunteer, call Mr. Vince Filpi at 884-5280.

## Community

### MPF hours

The military personnel flight closes today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an official function.

### Childcare for PCS

Childcare for members who're in a permanent change of status situation is available through the Childcare for PCS program. Childcare will be provided in licensed family childcare homes on base and paid for by the Air Force Aid Society. The program provides 20 hours of free childcare for each child to be used within the first 30 days of arrival or 30 days prior to departure. Members must take a copy of their orders to the Family Support

Center relocation staff and have it exchanged for a certificate of eligibility. A list of base home day-care providers will be issued.

### Relay for life

Join in the fight against cancer by taking part in the South Santa Rosa Relay for Life. The team registration fee is \$100. All donations will support the American Cancer Society lifesaving programs for research, education and patient services. The relay will be April 26 and 27 at the Navarre High School track. There will be a meeting Jan. 8. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Wallace at 884-5210.

### AFSA

The Hurlburt Field Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association holds a meeting Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. at J.R. Rockers. The association will discuss the latest legislative issues. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bryan Osborne at 884-6844 or visit the Web site at: [www.afsa567.org](http://www.afsa567.org).

### Mentoring action program

The Emerald Coast Chapter of Air Force Cadet and Officer Mentoring Action Program holds a general membership meeting today at 4 p.m. at the Eglin Officers' Club. The guest speaker is Col. Pamela Arias, armament product group manager, Eglin Air Force Base.

### Christmas luminaries

The residents of Northgate Estates will display Christmas lights Saturday and Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. The entrance to the sub-division is located at the intersection of Jonquil and the Mary Esther cut-off. For more information, call Connie Jindrich at 862-9634.

### HOSC

The Hurlburt Field Officers' Spouses' Club holds a luncheon Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m. at The Soundside club. There'll be a piano recital performed by Dixie Henrie. To make reservations, call Pat Rogers at 678-9375 or Danielle Wolf at 916-0963.

### Recycling pays

Housing areas recycling participation for November is as follows: 801 housing – 20 percent of 292 occupants participated; main housing – 24 percent of 278 occupants participated; and soundside – 38 percent of 76 occupants participated. Military housing occupants recovered 8,580 pounds of recyclables and their efforts resulted in the following resource savings: 73 Pulpwood trees; 17,589 kilowatt hours of electricity; 30,030 gallons of water; 13 cubic yards of landfill; and 2,574 pounds of air pollution.

### Black history month

The month of February is Black History Month. The committee is looking for military members, spouses and civilians, who'd like to help. Martin Luther King's birthday celebration is Jan. 21 and the committee needs volunteers to assist with the celebration committee. For more information or to volunteer, call Senior Master Sgt. Willie Hicks at 884-6060 or 2nd Lt. Steven Oliver at 884-4224.

### Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)



#### Catholic Masses

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30 and 10 a.m.  
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to  
or by request.

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
**Protestant Services**  
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. (praise &

11:15 a.m. (traditional),  
12:30 p.m. (Gospel)

Youth and Single Groups available

#### Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1  
Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of  
each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

#### Muslim Services (882-2111)

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.  
Our'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

## At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults  
and \$1.50 for children.  
Movies start at 7 p.m.  
unless otherwise  
indicated.



### Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

**Friday** – (PG-13) "Corky Romano," starring Chris Kattan and Peter Berg – Corky Romano, the emotional son of a mob boss is called upon by his long-lost father to infiltrate the FBI. Under the guise of Agent Pissant he fakes his way through one tough assignment after another. Corky decides to set up a sting of his own, one that will blow everybody's minds.

**Saturday** – (PG-13) "Bandits," starring Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton – Joe and Terry are bank robbers, fugitives hoping a final string of scores will finance their south-of-the-border retirement dreams. Things get more complicated when they meet Kate who joins the bandits on their cross-country spree, and eventually she steals something too, their hearts.

**Sunday** – (PG-13) "The Others," starring Nicole Kidman and Fionnula Flanagan – On the secluded Isle of Jersey in the final days of World War II, three new servants arrive at Grace's home to replace the ones that inexplicably disappeared. Startling, supernatural events begin to unfold. Grace begins to sense that intruders are at large. Who are these trespassers? And what do they want?

### Eglin (882-1066)

**Friday** – (R) "From Hell," starring Johnny Depp and Heather Graham – Mary Kelly, Kate Eddowes, Liz Stride, Dark Annie Chapman and Polly exist on the brink, earning a meager living with their bodies in a society that concurrently dishonors and feeds upon them. Owning virtually nothing of value, their ranks are terrorized by a gruesome murderer.

**Saturday** – (R) "Ghosts," starring Tony Shalhoub and Shannon Elizabeth – When Dr. Zorba dies, he leaves his house to his nephew, who moves in with his daughter. With the house comes 13 ghosts. There's a fortune hidden somewhere in the house and someone wants it.

**Sunday** – (R) "Last Castle," starring Robert Redford and James Gandolfini – A three star general wrongly court martialled and sentenced to a military maximum security prison rallies the 1,200 inmates to revolt against the corrupt warden and his guards.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)

## Community

### Education grant program

The Air Force Aid Society may be able to assist with the soaring cost of higher education. The Society's General Henry Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1500 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, guard and reservists on extended active duty. For more information, visit the AFAS Web site at: [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

### Contract position

The Hurlburt Field Base Education office is advertising a contract position – assistant education advisor. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in education or a related subject matter area. Bid packages may be picked up at the 16th Contracting Squadron, Dec. 7 through 19. For more information, call Monica Wood at 884-3272.

### New IDs

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System will be unavailable at the 96th Mission Support Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Monday through Wednesday, due to the installation of the equipment for the production of the Common Access Card.

### TROA scholarship program

The Retired Officers Association is giving away scholarship money through their Base/Post Scholarship pro-

gram. The program will honor 100 college bound or current undergraduate students, under the age of 24, with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2002 and 2003 school year. Applications can only be taken on-line at the TROA Web site: [www.troa.org](http://www.troa.org). For questions not answered at the Web site, applicants may electronic mail to: [edassist@troa.org](mailto:edassist@troa.org).

## Classes

### ERAU

Embry-Riddle Spring 2002 term registration is held Monday through Jan. 4 in Building 90220, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Class dates are Jan. 7 through March 9. For more information, call 581-2106.

### FSC

For more information on Family Support Center classes, call 884-5441.

**Resumé Workshop** – Monday, at 1 p.m.

**Commando Welcome Spouse** – Tuesday, at 9 a.m.

**Smooth Move** – Wednesday, at 1 p.m.

**Deployment and Families** – Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.

### Special Ops courses

For more information on Joint Special Operations University courses visit the Web site at: [hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos](http://hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos). To register for a course, contact your unit training manager.

**Joint Psychological Operations Course** – Monday through Dec. 14

**Dynamics of International Terrorism** – Monday through Dec. 14

**Responsible Officer's Course Force Protection II** – Monday through Dec. 21

**Small Wars and Insurgencies Course** – Dec. 17 through 21

### HAWC classes

The following classes are offered at the Health and Wellness Center:

**Fitness Assessment Class** – Tuesday, at 8 a.m.

**Diabetic Fitness** – Wednesday, at 1 p.m.

**Nutrition for Diabetes** – Wednesday, at 2 p.m.

**Senior Nutrition** – Thursday, at 9 a.m.

**Senior Fitness** – Thursday, at 10 a.m.

**Nutrition 101** – Thursday, at 1 p.m.

**Fitness for Life** – Thursday, at 2 p.m.

## Sports

### 10-mile run

The annual Hurlburt Field 10-mile challenge run is Dec. 15. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each category and first place overall male, female and 40 and over. Participants should sign up no later than Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 884-6884 or 4412.

# SPORTS



Photo by Senior Airman James Davis  
(above) Jessica Moore, 16th Component Repair Squadron, catches a pass from quarterback Michelle O'Connor, 16th CRS, as a 16th Services Squadron player tries to chase her down.  
(right) Jarmel Bell, 16th CRS runs in for a touchdown as the 16th Transportation Squadron defense looks on.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry DeFord

## Repair squadron causes damage on football field

by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson  
*Public Affairs*

Not one, but two teams from the 16th Component Repair Squadron earned the title of Hurlburt Field flag football champions.

The 16th CRS women's flag football team combined with members from the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron won the championship game Nov. 29 against the 16th Services Squadron, 7-0.

The team went through some changes this season, said Anita Gilbert, 16th CRS defensive captain. "I think we had a really good team this year with 6 wins and 3 losses during the regular season," she said.

Gilbert attributes the win to their significant players,

Jessica Moore, Michelle O'Connor and especially Yanitza Campbell, who scored the touchdown that captured the title for them.

The 16th CRS women's team won't get to share that title alone, because the men's flag football team from the same squadron also won the championship title against the 16th Transportation Squadron Nov. 30, 35-13.

Jarmel Bell, 16th CRS and coach for the men's team, said he's proud of his team, "All season long the offense and defense would challenge each other to produce in every game."

There was one game that was a let down for the team, maybe because they had become too confident, but it was a good wake up call in preparation for the playoffs, Bell said.

Transportation, who went undefeated during the regu-

lar season with a 10-0 record didn't lose the championship easily.

Erik Lewis, 16th TRANS, player and coach said, the team had one goal in mind at the start of the playoffs, to win the championship game.

However, a few minor set backs along the way and injuries to two transportation key players, Damon Wright and Wes Dogan, opened the door for team CRS.

"CRS made a few more crucial plays than we did during that final game," said John Blaeser, coach for 16th TRANS. Overall they had a great season and the team can hold their heads high knowing they lost to a good team, he added.

As for CRS men's team, they're able to share the base championship title with their squadron counterparts and both teams can prepare to defend their titles next season.



Photo by Senior Airman James Davis



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry DeFord

(above) Stan "Slim" Walker, 16th TRANS, speeds down the field, gaining some crucial yards for the team.

(left) Valerie Vandeusen, 16th CRS (black jersey), attempts to get a first down through a mass of 16th SVS defenders.